

Notes along the way:

### Reference Type

- If a class has any method with no implementation it creates a reference type
- Otherwise it creates a value type so you just need to check if the methods are all defined or not
- If it inherits a function w/ no implementation and doesn't actually implement it, it is still a reference type.

### Iterators

You can either make an existing class an iterable class by adding an `__iter__` that will return us the iterator object. Or you can have an iterable class that also is an iterable object itself. Iterator class/object will always have `__next__` or if the iterator class is a generator (special kind of iterator) it will use the `yield` keyword.

### Templates:

- the compiler generates a concrete version of the template function/class by substituting in the type parameter!
- Then it just compiles the newly-generated functions/classes as if they were never templated in the first place!
- Any operations you use in your templated code must be supported by the types being templated

### Generics

Even though a generic's code must be type-agnostic, type checking is performed once you parameterize it!

All usage of parameterized methods/functions is type-checked to ensure its usage is compatible with its parametrized type.

So when you use generics, your code is guaranteed to be type-safe!

## Generics (unbounded) vs Generics (bounded)

```
class HoldItems<T> {
    public void add(T val)
    { arr_[size_++] = val; }
    public T get(int j)
    { return arr_[j]; }
    public void beADuck(int j)
    { arr_[j].quack(); } // ILLEGAL!!

    T[] arr_ = new T[10];
    int size_ = 0;
}

HoldItems<Duck> ducky =
    new HoldItems<Duck>();
ducky.add(new Duck("Daffy"));
Duck d = ducky.get(0);
```

```
interface DuckLike {
    public void quack();
    public void swim();
}

class HoldItems<T> where T: DuckLike {
    public void add(T val)
    { arr_[size_++] = val; }
    public T get(int j)
    { return arr_[j]; }
    public void beADuck(int j)
    { arr_[j].quack(); } // LEGAL!!

    T[] arr_ = new T[10];
    int size_ = 0;
}
```

### Unbounded:

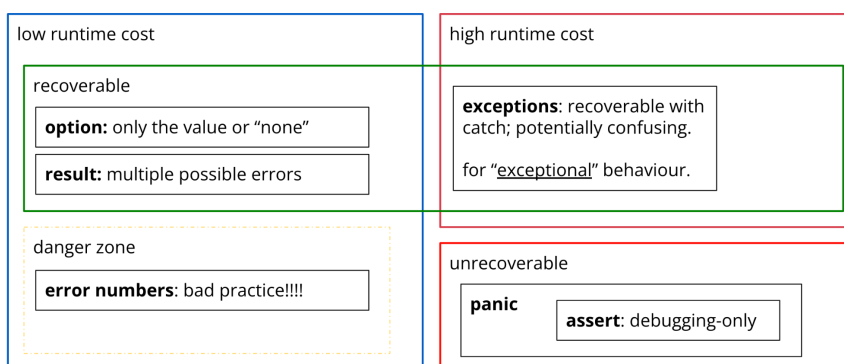
- Any type can be used because it's so restricted, so unbounded generics can only support basic operations like assignment
- comparing object references
- assignment
- instantiation of objects

### Bounded generics:

- can only be used by types that satisfy the bounds but more operations can be used

### Error Handling:

#### hopefully clear "error handling on one slide"



If the try and catch blocks are nested, the exception will be caught by the one that has the error type specified. Thus, it will propagate back up to whoever will catch the error.

### Lambda Capturing

#### Capture by Value

- When a variable is captured by value, the closure creates a copy of the variable's value at the time the closure is created.
- Changes made to the original variable after the closure's creation do not affect the copied value within the closure.

#### Capture by Reference:

- When a variable is captured by reference, the closure holds a reference (or pointer) to the original variable in the enclosing scope.
- Any modifications made to the variable outside the closure will be reflected inside the closure.

#### Capture by Environment

- Capture by environment refers to the closure capturing the entire state or environment of the enclosing scope.
- This captures not just individual variables but the entire context, including local variables, parameters, and even other closures defined in the same scope.
- It's a more comprehensive form of capturing that retains the entire state of the enclosing scope within the closure.

capture by reference when the variable is modified inside the closure and capture by environment when the entire state of the outer scope is accessed and utilized within the closure.

#### Statically typed Languages doing runtime checks:

Statically typed languages might need to also perform runtime type checks, like when down casting (when casting an object from a child class to a parent class) in C++, disambiguating variants in Haskell, or runtime generics:

```
class Person { ... };
class Student : public Person { ... };
class Doctor : public Person { ... };
void partay(Person *p) {
    //dynamic_cast does a runtime check to ensure valid conversion
    Student *s = dynamic_cast(p);
    if (s != nullptr)
        s->getDrunkAtParty();
}
int main() {
    Doctor *d = new Doctor("Dr. Fauci");
    partay(d);
    delete d;
}
```

#### % Element\_at

```
element_at(X, [X|_], 1).
element_at(X, [_|T], K) :- K > 1, K_ is K-1, element_at(X, T, K_).
```

#### Find length of list

```
my_length([], 0).
my_length(_|T, L) :- my_length(T, L_), L is L_ + 1.
```

% In the case of finding the length of a list, determining  
% the length of the tail before incrementing the length  
% by one ensures that the correct length is calculated  
% for each recursive step.

#### % Reverse the List

```
my_reverse(X, R) :- my_reverse_(X, R, []).
my_reverse_([], R, R). % unification will match these two lists together
my_reverse_([X|Xs], R, Acc) :- my_reverse_(Xs, R, [X|Acc]).
```

% keeps constructing a new list by taking the accumulator  
% and appending it to the head X

#### % Checking If it is a Palindrome

```
is_palindrome(X) :- my_reverse(X, X).
```

% in this case instead of reversing the list,

% calling my\_reverse will just unify the list and see if the statement is true.

% HW Problem

```
color(carrot, orange).
color(apple, red).
color(lettuce, green).
color(subaru, red).
color(tomato, red).
color(broccoli, green).
food(carrot).
food(apple).
food(broccoli).
food(tomato).
food(lettuce).
likes(ashwin, carrot).
likes(ashwin, apple).
likes(xi, broccoli).
likes(menachen, subaru).
likes(menachen, lettuce).
likes(xi, mary).
likes(jen, pickleball).
likes(menachen, pickleball).
likes(jen, cricket).
```

% Write a rule named likes\_red that determines who likes foods that are red.

```
likes_red(X) :- food(A), likes(X, A), color(A, red).
```

% Write a rule named likes\_foods\_of\_colors\_that\_menachen\_likes that determines

% who likes foods that are the same colors as those that menachen likes. For example,

% if the foods menachen likes are lettuce and banana\_squash, which are green and yellow

% respectively, and jane likes bananas (which are yellow), and ahmed likes bell\_peppers

% (which are green), then your rule should identify jane and ahmed.

```
likes_foods_of_colors_that_menachen_likes(Who) :-
    likes(menachen, A), food(A), color(A, B),
    likes(Who, C), food(C), color(C, B).
```

% need to have it match 2 different conditions for a person all 3 and have the colors match.

```
road_between(la, seattle).
road_between(la, austin).
```

```
road_between(seattle, portland).
road_between(nyc, la).
road_between(nyc, boston).
road_between(boston, la).
```

% The road\_between fact indicates there's a bi-directional road  
 % directly connecting both cities. Write a predicate called reachable  
 % which takes two cities as arguments and determines whether city A can  
 % reach city B through zero or more intervening cities.

% Examples:  
 % reachable(la, boston) should yield True.  
 % reachable(la, X) should yield X = seattle,  
 % X = austin, X = portland, X = nyc, X = la, X = boston  
 % The cities need not be in this order. Also,  
 % notice that la is reached from la (e.g., by going from  
 % la to seattle and back to la via the bidirectional edge), via a

```
reachable(X, Y) :- road_between(X, Y).
reachable(X, Y) :- road_between(X, Z), reachable(Z, Y).
% need to account for the opposite
reachable(X, Y) :- road_between(X, Y).
reachable(X, Y) :- road_between(Y, X).
reachable(X, Y) :- road_between(X, Z), reachable(Z, Y).
reachable(X, Y) :- road_between(Y, Z), reachable(Z, X).
```

% Better Solution which accounts for cycles:

```
reachable(X, Y) :- reachable(X, Y, [X]).
reachable(X, Y, _) :- road_between(X, Y).
reachable(X, Y, Visited) :-
    road_between(X, Z),
    not(member(Z, Visited)),
    reachable(Z, Y, [Z | Visited]).
reachable(X, Y, Visited) :-
    road_between(Z, X),
    not(member(Z, Visited)),
    reachable(Z, Y, [Z | Visited]).
```

% insert\_lex which inserts a new integer value into a list in lexicographical order.  
 % insert\_lex(10, [2,7,8,12,15], X) should yield X = [2,7,8,10,12,15].

```
% adds a new value X to an empty list
insert_lex(X, [], [X]).
% the new value is < all values in list
insert_lex(X, [Y|T], [X,Y|T]) :- X < Y.
```

```
% adds somewhere in middle
insert_lex(X,[Y|T],[Y|NT]) :-
    X > Y, insert_lex(X,T,NT).
```

% X will always be greater until it hits the case above,  
 % so this just keep moving the recursion along  
 % by checking the tail and NT until we reach the case above.

```
% count_elem(List, Accumulator, Total)
% Accumulator must always start at zero
count_elem([], 0, Total).
count_elem([Hd|Tail], Sum, Total) :-
    Sum1 is Sum + 1,
    count_elem(Tail, Sum1, Total).
```

```
count_elem([], Total, Total). % incorrectly pattern matched the base case,
% the count Total is unified with the accumulator Total
count_elem([Hd|Tail], Sum, Total) :-
    Sum1 is Sum + 1,
    count_elem(Tail, Sum1, Total).
```

% At the end of the recursion, when the base case matches, the Total variable  
 % represents the final count of elements in the list. It unifies with the count  
 % accumulated in the Total variable throughout the recursive calls.  
 % In essence, during the recursive process, the Total variable remains  
 % a placeholder, accumulating the count until it finally unifies with the  
 % total count of elements in the list when the base case is reached, effectively  
 % binding Total to the computed count value.

```
% gen_list():
% Write a predicate named gen_list which, if used as follows:
% gen_list(Value, N, TheGeneratedList) is provable if and only if
% TheGeneratedList is a list containing the specified Value repeated N times.
% Example:
% gen_list(foo, 5, X) should yield X = [foo, foo, foo, foo, foo].
% Hint: You will need both a fact and a rule to implement this.
```

```
gen_list(_, 0, []).
gen_list(val, N, [H|T]) :- val == T, N1 is N - 1, gen_list(val, N1, T).
```

% the final atom serves as an accumulator so we are adding Q to the accumulator in the rule, everytime.

```
gen_list(_, 0, []).
gen_list(Q, C, [Q | Output]) :-
    C > 0,
    NextCount is C - 1,
```

```
gen_list(Q, NextCount, Output).
```

% the list Result is gradually built by unifying it with [Q | Output],  
% where Output is the list being constructed recursively.

% third variable again is an accumulator and we keep appending it. Its more like an implicit append in Prolog

```
append_item([], X, [X]).  
append_item([H|T], X, [H|L]) :- append_item(T, X, L).
```

% we will keep recursively going through the list though

% Write a rule make\_palindrome that takes in two input lists L1 and L2, and determines  
% if L2 is the corresponding palindrome list for L1 (ex: if L1 = [1,2,3], L2 = [1,2,3,2,1]).  
% Hint: one possible solution to this problem uses the builtin append predicate

```
make_palindrome([], []).  
make_palindrome(List, Palindrome) :- reverse(List, NewList), append(List, NewList,  
Palindromes).
```

% custom\_numlist. It takes in three arguments (one for a start number, one for an end number, one for the actual list). It returns true if the list is a list of all integers from Start to End.

```
custom_numlist(Start, End, [Start]) :-  
    Start == End.  
custom_numlist(Start, End, [Start|Rest]) :-  
    Start < End,  
    Next is Start + 1, % won't evaluate Start without __ is __  
    custom_numlist(Next, End, Rest).
```

% is\_custom\_permutation, that returns true if the input list is a permutation of  
% the list [1, 2, 3 ... ,N], where N is the size of the input list.

```
is_custom_permutation(List) :-  
    length(List, N),  
    custom_numlist(1, N, reference),  
    permutation(reference, List).
```

% trim that takes in four lists, and outputs true if and only if the third and  
% fourth lists are the first and second lists trimmed to be the length of the shorter  
% of the two.

```
trim(_, [], [], []). % if second is empty, they are all empty
```

```

trim([], _, [], []). % if first is empty, they are all empty
trim([AH|AT], [BH|BT], C, D) :-
    C = [AH| CT], % unifies the head of the 1st list and then passes the tail
                    recursively
    D = [BH| DT], % unifies the head of the 2nd list and then passes the tail
                    recursively
    trim(AT, BT, CT, DT).

```

prepend\_item([apple, beet, carrot], daikon, X)

and would yield:

X = [daikon, apple, beet, carrot]

A. prepend\_item([],Q,[Q]).

prepend\_item([Head|Tail],X,[Head|L]) :- prepend\_item(Tail,X,L).

B. prepend\_item([Q],[],[Q]).

prepend\_item([Head|Tail],X,[X|Tail]) :- prepend\_item(Tail,Head,X).

C. prepend\_item([],Q,[Q]).

prepend\_item(Q, X, [X | L | Tail]) :- prepend\_item(Tail, X, L).

D. prepend\_item(Q, X, [X | Q]).

E. prepend\_item(Q, X, [Q | X]).

Consider the following skip function in Haskell, which takes an Int parameter n and returns an infinite list starting at n with terms n integers apart.

```
skip :: Int -> [Int]
```

```
skip n = [x | x <- [1..], mod x n == 0]
```

For example, take 5 (skip 2) returns [2, 4, 6, 8, 10].

Using Python generators, implement the skip function. The skip function must not contain the keyword return. Also, implement the take function such that take(m, skip(n)) in Python behaves identically to take m (skip n) in Haskell.

```

def take(n, gen):
    return [next(gen) for _ in range(n)]

def skip(n):
    i = 0
    while True:
        i += n
        yield i

```

Iterators:



Write a Python function `interleave_iter` that takes in two iterators and is a generator (i.e. returns an iterator object) of the alternating values of the iterators.

For example:

```
list(interleave_iter(iter([1, 2, 3]), iter([4, 5, 6])))
```

should return

```
[1, 4, 2, 5, 3, 6]
```

```
list(interleave_iter(iter([2, 2]), iter([4, 4, 4, 4])))
```

should return

```
[2, 4, 2, 4, 4, 4]
```

```
def interleave_iter(iter1, iter2):
    remaining_iter = None
    while True:
        try:
            yield next(iter1)
        except StopIteration:
            remaining_iter = iter2
            break

        try:
            yield next(iter2)
        except StopIteration:
            remaining_iter = iter1
            break
    while True:
        try:
            yield next(remaining_iter)
        except StopIteration:
            return
```

Note that we need the final try/except/return at the end for the `list` function to work well with the output of `interleave_iter`.

2. (8 min) A B Cs [Iterators]

Create a Python iterator `AlphabetIterator` that generates characters in the English alphabet (lowercase a through z) cyclically. The interface for and a sample run of this iterator are shown below.

Hint: Consider the Python functions `ord` and `chr`

# Example Usage:

```
alphabet_iterator = AlphabetIterator()
```

```
iterator = iter(alphabet_iterator)
```

```
# Generate the first 10 letters in the sequence
for _ in range(10):
    print(next(iterator))

# Output (newlines compressed into spaces to save space)
# a b c d e f g h i j
```

```
class AlphabetIterator:

    def __init__(self):
        self.current_letter = ord('a')

    def __iter__(self):
        return self

    def __next__(self):
        letter = chr(self.current_letter)
        if ord('a') <= self.current_letter <= ord('z'):
            self.current_letter = self.current_letter % ord('z') + 1
        else:
            self.current_letter = ord('a')
        return letter
```

We initialize the iterator to the number representing the Unicode character “a”. Within the `__next__` function, we save the value of `self.current_letter` in `letter` to return after we compute what our next output should be. Since we must cycle upon reaching the letter z, we create an if statement to set the next value of `self.current_letter` to be either the next letter/Unicode character or “a” again (if we are about to pass “z”).

\*\* For this problem, you will be using the following simple Hash Table class and accompanying Node class written in Python:

```
class Node:
    def __init__(self, val):
        self.value = val
        self.next = None

class HashTable:
    def __init__(self, buckets):
        self.array = [None] * buckets

    def insert(self, val):
```

```
bucket = hash(val) % len(self.array)
tmp_head = Node(val)
tmp_head.next = self.array[bucket]
self.array[bucket] = tmp_head
```

\*\* (10 min.) Write a Python generator function capable of iterating over all of the items in your HashTable container, and update the HashTable class so it is an iterable class that uses your generator.

Solution:

```
def generator(array):
    for i in range(len(array)):
        cur = array[i]
        while cur != None:
            yield cur.value
            cur = cur.next
```

\*\* (10 min.) Write a Python iterator class capable of iterating over all of the items in your HashTable container, and update the HashTable class so it is an iterable class that uses your iterator class.

Solution:

```
class HTIterator:
    def __init__(self, array):
        self.array = array
        self.cur_buck = -1
        self.cur_node = None

    def __next__(self):
        while self.cur_node == None:
            self.cur_buck += 1
            if self.cur_buck >= len(self.array):
                raise StopIteration
            self.cur_node = self.array[self.cur_buck]
        val = self.cur_node.value
        self.cur_node = self.cur_node.next
        return val
```

\*\* (1 min.) Write a for loop that iterates through your hash table using idiomatic Python syntax, and test this with both your class and generator.

Solution:

```

a = HashTable(100)
a.insert(10)
a.insert(20)
a.insert(30)
for i in a:
    print(i)

```

\*\* (5 min.) Now write the loop manually, directly calling the dunder functions (e.g., `__iter__`) to loop through the items.

```

a = HashTable(100)
a.insert(10)
a.insert(20)
a.insert(30)
    iter = a.__iter__()
try:
    while True:
        val = iter.__next__()
        print(val)
except StopIteration:
    pass

```

\*\* (5 min.) Finally, add a `forEach()` method to your `HashTable` class that accepts a lambda as its parameter, and applies the lambda that takes a single parameter to each item in the container:

```

ht = HashTable()
# add a bunch of things
ht.forEach(lambda x: print(x))

```

Solution:

```

class HashTable:
    ...
    def forEach(self, f):
        for i in range(len(self.array)):
            cur = array[i]
            while cur != None:
                f(cur.value)
                cur = cur.next

```

## QuickSorting in Prolog:

```
quick_sort2(List,Sorted):-q_sort(List,[],Sorted).
q_sort([],Acc,Acc).
q_sort([H|T],Acc,Sorted):-
    pivoting(H,T,L1,L2), q_sort(L1,Acc,Sorted1),q_sort(L2,[H|Sorted1],Sorted)
```

## Permutation implementation

```
permutation([],[]).
permutation([H|T],S) :- permutation(T,P),append(X,Y,P),append(X,[H|Y],S).
```

## Append implementation

```
append([], L,L).
append([H|T],L2,[H|L3]):-append(T,L2,L3).
```

## Sum\_List implementation

```
% Base case: The sum of an empty list is 0
sum_list([], 0).

% Recursive case: Calculate the sum of the Head and recursively sum the Tail
sum_list([Head|Tail], Sum) :-
    sum_list(Tail, SumOfTail),
    Sum is Head + SumOfTail.
```

## Haskell:

4. [10 points] Write a Haskell function called `get_every_nth` that takes in an Integer `n` and a list of any type that returns a sublist of every `n`th element. For example: `get_every_nth 2 ["hi","what's up","hello"]` should return `["what's up"]` `get_every_nth 5 [31 .. 48]` should return `[35, 40, 45]` Your function must have a type signature and must use either `filter` or `fold`. It must be less than 8 lines long

```
get_every_nth n lst = foldr (\(i, x) acc -> if i `mod` n == 0 then x : acc else acc) [] (zip [1..] lst)
```

-- if it is actually the nth number, the modulus should return 0, and thus, we can add it to the list, otherwise we just move on and don't concatenate

```
get_every_nth :: Integer -> [a] -> [a]
get_every_nth n lst = map (\tup -> snd tup)
-- or map (\(_,x) -> x) (filter (\tup -> (fst tup) `mod` n == 0) (zip [1..] lst))
```

3. [16 points-2/2/2/10] In this question, you will be implementing directed graph algebraic data types and algorithms in Haskell. Recall that a graph is composed of nodes that hold values, and edges which connect nodes to other nodes. In a directed graph, edges are unidirectional, so an outgoing edge from node A to node B does NOT imply that B also has a direct

connection to A. You may assume that all graphs have at least one node. a. Show the Haskell definition for an algebraic data type called "Graph" that has a single "Node" variant. Each Node must have one Integer value, and a list of zero or more adjacent nodes that can be reached from the current node.

Answer: Any of the following answers is OK:

```
data Graph = Node Int [Graph]
data Graph = Node Integer [Graph]
data Graph = Node [Graph] Int
data Graph = Node [Graph] Integer
```

If the student uses a type variable with a type of Integer that's ok too. All other answers get a zero. b. Using your Graph ADT, write down a Haskell expression that represents a graph with two nodes: 1. A node with the value 5 with no outgoing edges 2. A node with the value 42, with an outgoing edge to the previous node

Answer: The students may use any variable names they like (instead of a and b). Given these definitions from part a:

```
data Graph = Node Int [Graph]
data Graph = Node Integer [Graph]
```

Either of the following options are valid:

```
a = Node 5 [] - 1 point b = Node 42 [a] - 1 point b = Node 42 [Node 5 []] - 2 points
```

Given these definitions from part a: `data Graph = Node [Graph] Int` `data Graph = Node [Graph] Integer` Either of the following options are valid: `a = Node [] 5` - 1 point `b = Node [a] 42` - 1 point `b = Node [Node [] 5] 42` - 2 points c. Carey has designed his own graph ADT, and written a Haskell function that adds a node to the "front" of an existing graph `g` that is passed in as a parameter: `add_to_front g = Node 0 [g]` In Haskell, creating new data structures incurs cost. Assuming there are `N` nodes in the existing graph `g`, what is the time complexity of Carey's function (i.e., the big-O)? Why? Answer: `O(1)` because only a single new node is being created, and it links to the original graph. The existing graph need not be regenerated in any way. d. Write a function called `sum_of_graph` that takes in one argument (a `Graph`) and returns the sum of all nodes in the graph. Your function must include a type annotation for full credit. You may assume that the passed-in graph is guaranteed to have no cycles. You may have helper function(s). Your solution MUST be shorter than 8 lines long.

```
-- matt's solution (map + sum) sum_of_graph (Node val edges) = val + sum (map sum_of_graph edges)
-- matt's solution (map + fold) sum_of_graph (Node val edges) = foldl1 (+) val (map sum_of_graph edges)
```

7. [9 points-3/3/3] We know that `int` and `float` are usually not subtypes of each other. Assume you have a programming language where you can represent integers and floating-point values with infinite precision (call the data types `Integer` and `Float`). In this language, the operations on `Integer` are `+`, `-`, `*`, `/` and `%` and the operations on `Float` are `+`, `-`, `*`, and `/`. a. In this language, will `Integer` be a subtype of `Float`? Why or why not?

Answer: 3 points for the following: Yes, `Int` is a subtype of `Float` because: 1. Every `Integer` value can be represented by a `Float` (with the fractional part being zero). 2. Every operation on `Float` can also be performed on an `Integer`. 3 points off if they do not say "Yes" 1 point off for missing either requirement b. In this language, will `Float` be a subtype of `Integer`? Why or why not?

Answer: 3 points for the following: No, `Float` is a NOT a subtype of `Integer` because: 1. Not every `Float` value can be represented by an `Integer` 2. Not every operation on an `Integer` can also be performed on a `Float`. 3 points off if they do not say "No" 2 points off for missing justification (must mention one of the two) c. If you discovered that the `Float` type also supports an additional operator, exponentiation, what effect would that have on your answers to a and b? Why?

Answer: 3 points for the following: Neither would be subtypes of each other. Both reasons needed for full credit: 1. `Floats` have an operator that `Integers` don't support so `Integers` can't be a subtype of `Float` 2. `Integers` have an operator that `Floats` don't support so `Floats` can't be a subtype of `Integer` (or alternatively, not every float value can be an `Integer`)

1. [10 points-2 each] For each of the items below, write a Haskell type signature for the expression. If the item is a function then use the standard haskell type notation for a function. If the item is an expression, write the type of the expression (e.g., [Int]). For any answers that use one or more type variables where concrete types can't be inferred, use "t1", "t2", etc. for your type variable names.

```
a. foo bar = map (\x -> 2 * x) bar
b. z = \x -> x ++ ["carey"]
c. m = [(\a -> length a < 7) x, take 3 y] | x <- ["matt", "ashwin", "siddarth", "ruining"], y <- ["monday", "tuesday", "wednesday", "thursday", "friday"]
d. z = foldl (\x y -> x ++ y)
e. foo bar = []
```

### 1.

```
a. foo :: [Int] -> [Int]
b. y :: [[char]] -> [[char]]
c. m :: [(String, [String])]
SOLUTION: m :: [(Bool, String)]
d. z :: [t1] -> [t1] -> []
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If the accumulator is already a list, then the actual list it traverses has to be a list of lists
e. foo :: [t1] -> []
SOLUTION:
[t1] -> [t2]
```

Problem #8: 15 points a. Give 2 points for a proper type signature - the type signature is only required for the top-level substr function. Zero points for anything else. Any of these variations is OK:

```
substr :: String -> String -> Bool
substr :: String -> (String -> Bool)
substr :: [Char] -> [Char] -> Bool
substr :: [Char] -> ([Char] -> Bool)
```

b. Here's one possible solution:

MT Variation #1

```
substr [] [] = True
substr _ [] = False
substr xs (y:ys) = (substr xs ys) || (front_substr xs (y:ys))
front_substr :: String -> String -> Bool -- Type signature here not required for full points
front_substr [] _ = True
front_substr (x:xs) (y:ys)
| x == y = front_substr xs ys
| otherwise = False
```